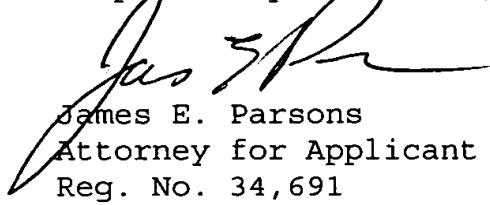


REMARKS

Claims 37-46 were pending at the time of the Office Action. Claims 37, 39, 40, 43, and 45 were rejected. Claims 38, 41, 42, 44, and 46 are indicated as being allowable, but are objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim.

Herein, the rejected claims are cancelled, and the claims indicated as being allowable are re-presented in independent form.

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